

To: LAUC members

From: Roger Smith, Chair, LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee (LAUC R&PD)

RE: Call for Research Proposals 2017/2018

I am pleased to forward the Call for Research Proposals for the University-wide Research Grants for Librarians program for 2017-2018. Campus chairs, please forward to your membership.

LAUC offers members two opportunities to apply for grants. Research, mini and presentation grant applications will be taken in fall 2017, for which monies will be made available by January 2018; and in winter 2018, applications for presentation grants will be taken for funds awarded in March 2018. The detailed calendar below indicates dates for submission and evaluation of proposals.

Guidelines for LAUC grants are listed on this page of the LAUC website:

<https://lauc.ucop.edu/guidelines-for-lauc-grants>

The purpose of the grants is to support research activities by LAUC members. Research funds allow University of California librarians a unique opportunity to engage in scholarly research and creative activity that enhances our contributions to the University and our profession. Assistance in preparing a grant and lists of previously funded projects are available from your divisional research committees, who are always willing to help in the development of new research projects.

We offer three types of grants. (1) Research grants fund small to large projects and may be designed as a group project involving other librarians. Funds awarded may be used in the current or following fiscal year and are limited to a maximum of \$5,000. (2) Mini-Grants are limited to a maximum of \$500 and are designed to encourage librarians to develop research ideas or to see a project to completion. The award may be used in the current or following fiscal year. (3) Presentation Grants are limited to a maximum of \$600 and are designed to provide some travel assistance to present a paper or poster at scholarly conferences, occurring between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018. These funds must have been or be spent within the fiscal year of the award. Research Grants and Mini Grants may be spent during the fiscal year of application and/or the following fiscal year. Presentation Grants are limited to presentations that have taken place or will take place during the fiscal year of application. The priority for funding of these is as follows: 1) Research Grants, 2) Mini-grants, 3) Presentation Grants and LAUC members may apply for one, two or all three types of grants.

There are a few restrictions that apply to the grant awarding process. Any applicant who has not submitted the required end of funding (EOF) report for a previous LAUC grant shall be disqualified from consideration for a new grant. The annual pool of viable applications varies in number, type of grant, and amount of support requested, exceeding the amount of available funding. In such instances, the LAUC Research and Professional Development Committee retains flexibility in the distribution of awards.

The "Research and Professional Development Committee" page on the LAUC website features many helpful documents:

<http://lauc.ucop.edu/committees/rpd/index.php>

You will find links there to guidelines, forms, past projects, the complete calendar of the program, and the roster of the statewide LAUC R&PD. Be sure to look at and download all the forms for the type of grant which you wish to pursue. You may need signatures from supervisors or other administrators. Please note that one paper copy (with required signatures) AND an email copy of your proposal must be submitted to the Chair of your divisional research committee by October 15, 2017. Funding for projects approved by LAUC R&PD will be available at the end of March 2018.

LAUC Research and Professional Development Calendar

By Date	Action	Who
Sept. 1, 2017	First call for proposals for Research Grants, Mini Grants, and Presentation Grants distributed	LAUC R&PD Chair
Oct. 18, 2017	Proposals due to divisional research committees	Grant Applicants
Nov. 4, 2017	Divisional research committees forward applications to R&PD.	Divisional Committees
Jan. 13, 2018	R&PD awards grants from first call	LAUC R&PD Committee
Jan. 20, 2018	R&PD issues second call for Presentation Grants that have taken place or will take place during the fiscal year of application.	LAUC R&PD Committee
Feb. 17, 2018	Proposals due to divisional research committees	Grant Applicants
March 3, 2018	Divisional research committees forward applications to R&PD	Divisional Committees
March 17, 2018	R&PD awards grants from second call	LAUC R&PD Committee
April 14, 2018	R&PD requests status reports from recipients of all in-progress research grants and prepares final report for LAUC Executive Board and UCOP	LAUC R&PD Committee
June 12, 2018	R&PD final report sent to UCOP	LAUC R&PD Committee

On behalf of the Research & Professional Development Committee, I encourage you to consider applying for a grant through this program, and we look forward to reading your work.

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